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5ú Aibreán, 2023


**FÓGRA CRUINNITHE**

**Meeting of Wexford County Council**  
***On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 - 2.30 p.m.***  
***Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford***

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

Mise, le meas,

  
**Micheál O Draoi**  
Runai

***Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams***



## County Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 – Agenda

1. **Confirmation of Minutes:**
  - 1.1 County Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023
2. **Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**
  - 2.1 Intention to lease the former Bank of Ireland premises at St. Martin's Road, Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford.
3. **Annual Financial Statement 2022 and AFS Report**
4. **Wexford County Council Audit Committee Charter**
5. **Nomination of PPN Representative to Housing & Community SPC**
  - 5.1 Anne Sharry replacing Breda O'Sullivan (Social Inclusion)
6. **Membership of KIMO and International Board Meeting**
7. **Chief Executive's Report**
8. **Minutes of CPG**
  - 8.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023
9. **Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**
  - 9.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2023
  - 9.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023
  - 9.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023
  - 9.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023
  - 9.5 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023
  - 9.6 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC – 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022
10. **Correspondence and Communications**
  - 10.1 Letter from Clare County Council re resolution dated 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023
  - 10.2 Letter from Sligo County Council re resolution dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023
  - 10.3 Email from Brendan Howlin TD re motion dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023
  - 10.4 Email from Minister Darragh O'Brien, TD re: motion dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023

- 10.5 Letter from Offaly County Council re: resolution dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023.  
10.6 Email from Minister Foley's Office re motion dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023

## 11. Councillor's Conferences and Training

11.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached

11.2 Councillor's Conference Reports:

- New York Delegation Report March, 2023 – Cllr. G. Laffan and Cllr. M. Whelan
- Harteford Delegation Report March, 2023 – Cllr. A. Connick and Cllr. J. Fleming
- Savannah Delegation Report March, 2023 Cathaoirleach G. Lawlor, Cllr. M. Bell, Cllr. D. Kenny, Cllr. A. Browne, Cllr. M. Sheehan, Cllr. L. McDonald

## 12. Notices of Motion

### 12.1 Cllr. B. Murphy

"That Wexford County Council welcomes the decision by government to extend the Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant to those who wish to renovate a vacant or derelict property and rent it out. This council further calls on government to increase the vacant property refurbishment grant rates from their current €30,000/ €50,000 to €50,000/ €70,000 respectively to reflect the significant costs involved in renovating a vacant or derelict property. "

### 12.2 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

"Wexford County Council notes the long overrun in the completion period for some of our major projects, as well as the high overspend for some of our projects in comparison to the original projected cost. As a potential solution, this Council will (a) endeavour to insert a Sunset-type clause to tie developers to an agreed completion date on projects and (b) that we will insert a Social Inclusion Contract to ensure a higher percentage of local labour gets employed and (c) will look at the model of *Community Wealth Building* as introduced in some local authority areas abroad. (CWB seeks to leverage existing local and regional resources to provide workers, families, and communities with greater control over their own economic development and ensure money is kept in the local economy). As an example, in Co. Wexford, this could entail the breaking down of a contract into smaller parts. For example, on the recent Gorey Town Park project, one local company would have been employed to do the soft landscaping; another the hard surface works, and another the building works, playground etc. This alternative model is more beneficial to the local economy and local businesses than the current model which would appear to favour a single larger company. That we support such a proposal as part of the LECP consultation process"

### **12.3 Cllr. M. Sheehan**

“That Wexford Council endorses and remains committed to the roll out of the Able Disabled campaign as a means of inclusion and prioritising the needs of those with a disability by companies and utilities.

Furthermore, as part of the evolving nationwide expansion of the AD call sign, this Council calls on all Chambers of Commerce members, County Councils and all utilities to engage, promote, and sign up to the AD Aware Programme as part of their corporate social responsibilities.

Upon passage, this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities, Chambers of Commerce Ireland, Regulators and Government Information Service for dissemination.”

### **12.4 Cllr. K. Codd Nolan & Cllr. C. Byrne**

“We call on the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly T.D. to immediately put in place under the new HSE Service Plan 2023 a multi-agency approach to provide permanent Palliative Care measures for terminally ill children in the South East so that they can be cared for by their families at home in their final days.”

### **12.5 Savannah Delegation 2023 - Cathaoirleach G. Lawlor, Cllr. M. Bell, Cllr. D. Kenny, Cllr. A. Browne, Cllr. M. Sheehan, Cllr. L. McDonald**

“That this Council calls on the Government, Aviation Industry, Tourism Providers and the Regulator to work together to ensure a direct international flight service between Ireland and Savannah, Georgia be launched as a matter of urgency to ensure the continued evolution and development of the strategic economic, tourism, social and academic collaborative relationship between Wexford and Savannah is enhanced.

Furthermore, this Council calls on the US Embassy to use its influence to ensure full cooperation from US Authorities in this regard.”

## **13. Any Other Business**